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SUBJECT: IMPENDING TRUDEAU VISIT TO ITALY

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1. ACCORDING TO CANDIAN EMBOFF, ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU VISIT TO ROME MARCH 5 AND 6 ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN PROTOCOLAIRE SENSE BUT LITTLE FIRM SO FAR AS TO SUBJECT MATTER FOR TALKS. GOI HAS YET TO INDICATE MATTERS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO IT.

2. ON CANADIAN SIDE, VISIT TO ITALY, NETHERLANDS, FRG AND GREAT BRITAIN IS SEEN AS CONTINUATION OF TRUDEAU MISSION TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM LAST DECEMBER. TRUDEAU'S FUNDAMENTIAL AIM IS TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR CANADIAN "IDENTITY" AMONG EC STATES, CONFIDENTIAL

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TO DIFFERENTIATE CANADA'S IMAGE FROM THAT OF THE UNITED

STATES, AND TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW AND CLOSER
RELATIONSHIP WITH EC EUROPE.

3. CANADIAN EMBASSY ANTICIPATES, IN ADDITION TO USUAL
TOUR D'HORIZON (ENERGY CRISIS, ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, CYPRUS,
ETC.), THAT TRUDEAU WILL EXPRESS HIMSELF FORCEFULLY ON THE
SUBJECT OF THE NEED FOR ITALIAN ADHERENCE TO NPT (REFTEL).
WE INFERRED FROM OUR CANADIAN SOURCE THAT TRUDEAU IS LIKELY
TO LINK ITALIAN ADHERENCE AND THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE SUPPLIES
OF NUCLEAR MATERIEL FROM CANADA.

4. TRUDEAU ALSO SCHEDULED FOR AUDIENCE AT HOLY SEE MORNING
MARCH 7, WILL GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AFTERNOON, AND
SPEND WEEKEND SKIING (PLACE SO FAR UNSPECIFIED).
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